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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

This letter is responsive to the Examiner's restriction requirement mailed 11 September 2003, and is filed with one month extension on or before 12 January, as 11 January falls on a Sunday.

This response is made under the revised 37 CFR 1.121, effective from 30 July 2003.

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